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ABSTRACT

The Huai-nan Chemical Fertilizer Plant is similar to most of the other nitrogenous fertilizer plants built in China during the mid-1960's. The primary product of the plant is ammonium nitrate fertilizer. The plant was in the mid-stages of construction in March 1962, and was completed between late 1964 and April 1966 when it appeared to be in operation.

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INTRODUCTION

The Huai-nan Chemical Fertilizer Plant is located in Anhwei Province, approximately 4.5 nautical miles (nm) southwest of Huai-nan (Figure I). The plant is located in an agricultural area on the flood plain of the Huai Ho (River). Flectric nower is probably supplied by the Huai-nan Thermal Power Plant which is located approximately 4.5 nm to the northeast within the city proper. Water is supplied by a small separately secured water treatment plant located immediately east of the fertilizer plant. A good, probable all-weather road system and a branch spur from the main rail line between Ho-fei and Pang-fou serve the fertilizer plant.

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BASIC DESCRIPTION .

The plant occupies a walled area roughly rectangular in shape measuring approximately 3,000 by 2,500 feet.

The facilities and their layout are similar to other nitrogenous fertilizer plants constructed in China during the mid-1960's. The major production components are identified on Figure 3.

The main product of the plant is ammonium nitrate. Aqueous ammonia fertilizer could also be made, but storage and handling facilities for this type of product cannot be identified.

The following is a chronology of construction:

March 1962 - Plant in mid-stage of construction.

Gas plant, ammonia synthesis section, administration and support area area appeared complete.

Gasholder for raw gas in late stages of construction.

June 1962 - Construction started on nitric acid plant and rail

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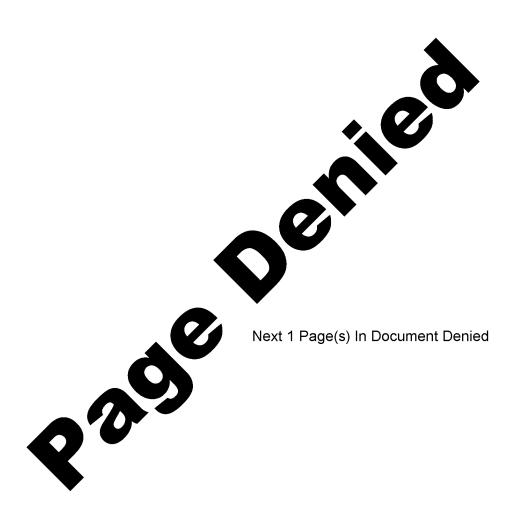
June 1964 - Both gasholders appeared complete.

November 1964 - Nitric acid plant in mid-stage of construction.

April 1966 - All construction complete. Plant in operation.

There were no significant changes to the plant between April 1966 and December 1967, the date of the latest coverage used for this study.

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